

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATION FACULTY COUNCIL

May 12, 1978

PRESENT: Acting Dean L.J. Boyle, Chairman; Professors B. Barbieri; G. Brink;  
P. Brunet; J. Democko; A. Dickie, G.B. English; J. Goodwin; V. Jones;  
V. Kirpalani; H. Liebman; D. MacDonald; L. McGown; P. Pasold; C. Potter;  
H. Ripstein; A. Riding; H. Tutsch; N. VanZante; D.C. West; R. Wills;  
Ms. J. Abbot; Mr. S. Gewurz; Mr. B. Smart.

Guest: Dean-elect, Pierre Simon.

I Call to Order - Closed Meeting

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III Call to Order - Open Meeting

The Chairman called the open meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

IV Approval of the Agenda

Prof. Wills moved that two items be placed on the agenda.

- a) Re-reads
- b) Senate elections

Seconded by Prof. G. Brink.

Carried

Prof. Kirpalani moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Seconded by Prof. A. Riding.

Carried

V Approval of minutes of previous meeting of Faculty Council

Prof. Ripstein moved that the minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of March 10, 1978, be approved.

Seconded by Mr. Liebman.

Carried

VI Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman announced the new Directorates for the 1978/79 academic year. They are:-

1. The Ph.D. Director, Dr. Peter Pasold.
2. The M.B.A. Director, Dr. Mohsen Anvari.
3. The Business Research Coordinator, Dr. Carl-Louis Sandblom.

These appointments are all for one year commencing June 1, 1978 to May 31, 1979. He also announced appointments for the Assistant Dean's Offices.

1. Dr. Henry Tutsch has been reappointed as Assistant Dean, Administration, one-year term.
2. Prof. A. Riding has been appointed Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, Loyola Campus, to replace Prof. Bruce English who is going on leave-of-absence for the 1978/79 academic year. This is a one-year appointment and it does not in any way indicate that Prof. English will be reappointed to his old post upon his return.

VII Question Period

There followed a brief question period.

VIII

Reports from Standing Committees

1. Graduate Studies Committee

Prof. Kirpalani reported that the enrolment statistics to date are good.

The M.B.A. task force has submitted its report and a copy will be circulated to Faculty very soon for their comments.

Prof. Kirpalani also informed Council that the Director of the Ph.D. Programme has been working on a set of guidelines to be established for the Programme because the joint programme seems to have no defined regulations, and if none were forthcoming by August 15, 1978, then the Ph.D. Director must propose some (regulations) to the Graduate Studies Committee in order that the Commerce faculty participating in the programme can be directed.

2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Prof. Wills submitted the attached report dealing with minor options in Commerce for non-Commerce students. He then moved that the report be tabled until the first meeting in September.

Seconded by Prof. Pasold

Carried

Prof. VanZante moved that the number of credits for an Accountancy major be reduced to 30 credits from 33, making the programme more attractive to majors, without detracting from the quality in anyway.

Much discussion ensued. The Chairman then informed Prof. VanZante that he could not propose such a change once the academic year has begun.

Prof. Brink then moved that the Accountancy department submit their request to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for discussion, and then return to Council for final ratification and/or discussion.

Seconded by Prof. Wills.

Carried

3. Commerce and Administration Consultative Committee

Chairman reported that there were a few interesting topics being discussed by the Committee and he has very high hopes that something will develop which will be of interest to the faculty as a whole.

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Reports from Faculty representatives on University Committees

1. University Senate

Prof. Dickie reported that the issue of academic regulations was being discussed and this was the only major item on the agenda to date.

2. Board of Graduate Studies

a) M.B.A.

Prof. Jones informed the Council that as of today's date, 70 applicants had been accepted into the programme. 53 have definitely decided to join Concordia and it is approximately the same registration as last year. Because this is the last meeting at which Prof. Jones will be present, he then requested permission from Council that he be allowed to report on the M.B.A. Task Force.

Permission was granted.

He recommended that a serious look be given at reducing the number of credits needed for an individual student in the M.B.A. Programme. It seems as though our programme is more demanding than most of the other business schools surveyed.

b) D.I.A.

Prof. Kirpalani reported that the D.I.A. expected to offer at least 4 courses during the summer session. He also reported that to date 16 students had accepted to join the programme and there were 16 other applications pending. It was thought that at least 107 students would return during the 1978/79 academic year. He also noted that the D.S.A. Programme expects to have at least 40 to 50 students by next year.

c) Ph. D.

Prof. Kirpalani reported that Concordia had accepted 8 students into the Joint-Doctoral Programme, however only 5 are expected to accept entry because some of the other applicants had also applied to other Universities in the Joint Programme.

3. University Curriculum Co-ordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

4. Computer Science Committee

Nothing to report.

5. Library Committee

Nothing to report.

6. Senate Committee on Priorities and Resource Allocation

Nothing to report.

7. C.A.S.A.

The Chairman reported that C.A.S.A. would not be meeting again until September to consider further grant applications, but individuals should start getting all pertinent documentation ready for submission as soon as C.A.S.A. meets.

X Business arising from Previous Meeting

Search Committees for Senate:

An election was held for the Scholarship Committee only. Prof. Ripstein was elected and he agreed to accept the position for a two year term of office.

XI New Business

Masters in Accountancy

Prof. Kirpalani moved that approval in principle be given for the Masters in Accountancy. Much discussion ensued with faculty generally disagreeing as to the method used for bringing this to Council without having first gone through the appropriate channels, that is, Graduate Studies. At this point Prof. Simon informed Council of the possibility of the Université of Québec going to the Conseil with their proposal first. He rationalized that if the French University is awarded the programme before an English University, it is not likely that an English University would ever be awarded the programme at a later date, this being so, because of the new language legislation in which the government insists that professionals be bilingual, and having to go to a French University, would certainly be the government's way of forcing individuals to be bilingual. Although Council acknowledge the possibility of losing the programme if they delayed acceptance in principle, they still disapproved of the mechanisms being used, because many other projects had been rushed through Council in basically the same manner.

In order to alleviate this problem, it was felt that channels must be respected, therefore there should be no deviation from the norm.

It was then brought to a vote. The results were

9 For  
9 Against

The Chairman broke the tie and he agreed that the Masters in Accountancy should be accepted by Council in principle, but that it must be returned to Graduate Studies for final drafting, and then be resubmitted to Council with all proper documentation.

Summer Quorum

The Chairman reminded Council, that should there be a necessity to convene during the summer, the 'summer quorum' would be in effect, also, the present members of Council would be summoned.



Re-reads/Re-evaluations

Prof. VanZante requested that the document as prepared by the Accountancy Department be submitted to Senate, voicing his department's disapproval of the new system to be implemented (US-78-1-D3). There was lengthy discussion, and rejection of such a request.

Prof. Wills then moved that the Faculty of Commerce and Administration as a unit, submit a package to Senate, disapproving of the new regulations, and that the Chairman read the following at the next Senate meeting:-

"due to the substantial number of unanswered questions pertaining to this document and because the regulations contained in this document appear to offer no real advantage to anyone, when the disadvantages are considered, the Faculty of Commerce and Administration request that Senate postpone implementation of this new regulation (US-78-1-D3) for the Faculty until further re-examination."

Seconded by Prof. Brink

Carried

XII Other Business

Prof. Wills moved that Council go on record expressing its appreciation, admiration and thanks to Acting Dean Boyle and also to those Faculty members who have resigned from the University.

Seconded by Prof. MacDonald

Carried

XIII Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council will be held on Friday, May 19, 1978 at 9:30 a.m., SGW Campus, Room H-769 for the approval of Spring graduates.

XIV Adjournment

Prof. Wills moved that the meeting be adjourned

Seconded by Prof. VanZante

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.